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RACE TO THE FINISH

Number of speeding cases last year was 2,274; this year it is already 8,173

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Bengaluru is seeing an unprecedented spike in speeding cases. The traffic police have recorded over 5,000 more cases of speeding as compared to last year.

On the one hand, the traffic of Bengaluru is getting more congested, but there is no stopping the speeding motorists. The traffic police have recorded 8,173 cases of speeding in the city in 2024 (June) with an increase of 5,899 cases as compared to last year. Traffic police record a 259.4% increase in number of cases. In 2023, traffic police recorded 2,274 cases in the whole year. However, in 2022, there were 50,095 cases.

Additionally, the traffic police also saw an increase in cases as compared to last year in cases of refusal to go for hire and defective silencers. Traffic police recorded 2,028 cases in 2024 (June) and 1,537 cases in 2023 for refusal to go for hire. In 2024, traffic police recorded 724 cases of defective silencers and 296 cases in 2023.

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"We have been ramping up checking and enforcement. We have been conducting special drives every week. Within the south division, we have identified a few areas that are becoming accident-prone due to speeding
— Traffic police official

Teacher is absent

20,000 schools in state have just one teacher each

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Though Karnataka is among the top states in imparting quality education, there is also another grim reality that it faces. The State is currently facing a severe teacher shortage, with over 2,000 primary schools making do with just a single educator. This alarming situation is being worsened by a rising preference for private schools, language medium disparities, and a dearth of government school teachers.

Sources said that the education norms dictate a student-teacher ratio of 30:1, a benchmark grossly exceeded in many schools. Even institutions with fewer than 30 students often have only one teacher. To address low enrollment numbers, the education department has transferred surplus teachers, leaving several schools on the brink of closure. Experts warn that this crisis is jeopardising the quality of education in government schools and could lead to a further exodus of students to private institutions.

This drastic measure has drawn sharp criticism as it directly impacts the quality of education. Parents are increasingly hesitant to enroll their children in schools with insufficient teaching staff. Experts warn that if this trend persists, numerous schools, particularly in rural areas, face the imminent threat of closure. The dire situation has ignited demands for immediate

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Political insights

Author and historian Srinath Raghavan will feature in the Azim Premji University public lecture series at an event to be held in Bengaluru. Raghavan will speak on "Garibi Hatao? Poverty, Development, & the State in the 70s" and detail how the populist slogan of that era shaped the thinking on poverty and subsequent policy changes. Raghavan, a professor of international relations and history at Ashoka University, is the author of several books. **Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur**
When: July 16, 6.30 pm to 8 pm

02 Installation art

Experience the last few days of 'Zobop,' a colourful and floor-based art installation by acclaimed Scottish artist Jim Lambie. Inspired by the unpredictability of jazz progressions, this mesmerising floor-based artwork redefines space through vibrant concentric lines of polychromatic vinyl. It allows you to interact with and interpret the space you are in. Each installation of 'Zobop' is distinct, breathing new life into the surroundings and sparking fresh interpretations from viewers. The installation was first exhibited at Transmission in Glasgow. **Where: Museum of Art & Photography (MAP); When: July 16 to 21**

03 Keep exploring

Join the June meetup of the Urban Solace book lovers' club for the book review of "We Will Be Together Always" by Rita Chhablani. Unlike romance, which is like a fire that burns itself out, love is lifelong and remains. All one has to do is keep one's heart in the 'explore' mode. Love can happen anytime, anywhere, and with anyone. The short stories in this book reiterate this fact and hold a mirror to 'imperfect relationships'. At the end of it all, one's life story is shaped by intention and choices.
Where: Urban Solace, Ulsoor
When: July 14, 11.30 am to 1 pm

All eyes on webcast

Dr MC Sudhakara, Minister for Higher Education, inspects the web casting system adopted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to ensure transparency in examinations on Saturday in Bengaluru

Stubborn reality behind child marriages in state

8,348 child marriages in Karnataka over past three years, 706 cases in 2023 alone: Data

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Karnataka, considered a progressive state, has recorded one of the highest numbers of child marriages in the country. Over the past three years, a staggering 8,348 child marriages occurred in the state, placing Karnataka second only to Tamil Nadu, which recorded the highest number with 8,966 child marriages.

However, state officials claim that despite recording one of the highest child marriages, the state has taken a lot of measures to prevent child marriages. According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, Karnataka reported 706 child marriages in 2023, the highest in the nation. The districts of Ballari, Kolar, and Shivamogga have reported the highest number, with Ballari alone accounting for 174 cases. Despite its progressive reputation, Shivamogga reported 88 child marriage attempts, of which 15 were prevented, while in 73 cases, parents defied the law and proceeded with it.

Officials reported that between January 2022 and April 2024, 990 cases of child marriage attempts were registered in Karnataka, with 633 successfully prevented. However, in 356 instances, parents violated the law and proceeded with the marriages, leading to legal actions against them. Similar cases have been reported in the districts of Mandya, Koppal, Davanagere, and Bengaluru Rural districts.

Despite ongoing prevention efforts, some child marriages continue to occur due to parental non-compliance with the law. An official said, "Child marriages often occur among girls who drop out of school and marry at a young age due to several factors. A lack of interest in education and subsequent school dropouts are the primary reasons. Additionally, attraction and infatuation at a young age can lead to early marriages. Social and economic difficulties within families further worsen the situation, as do single parenthood and the absence of adequate support. The illness or disability of parents or other family members also plays a significant role, along with family instability and insecurity. Societal expectations exert pressure to marry early, and there is often a prevailing suspicion and mistrust of girls' abilities and potential."

> **"Child marriages are more prevalent in certain areas, particularly in rural areas & disadvantaged communities** – Official

To combat this, the Women and Child Development Department has established a helpline, 1098, for reporting child marriage attempts and is actively working to prevent such cases through awareness programmes and outreach activities. "Child marriages are more prevalent in certain areas, particularly in rural and disadvantaged communities. These areas include villages, hamlets, small towns, tribal regions, areas with nomadic populations, and slums. Limited access to education, economic opportunities, and social services in these regions makes them more susceptible to child marriages and other social issues."

'Child marriages often occur among girls who drop out of school and marry at a young age due to several factors'

Reacting to this, Minister for Women and Child Welfare Laxmi Hebbalkar said, "Our department has implemented sufficient measures to prevent child marriages. Along with us, gram panchayats, SDMCs, and officials from the education, health, and police departments must collaborate to prevent child marriages. Only through such cooperation can we effectively tackle this issue. Committees have been established at the district and taluk levels to address and prevent child marriages. We will take strict action and immediately register an FIR against violators. Despite our efforts, child marriages are still happening, and young girls are becoming pregnant. We will intensify our efforts in the coming days to prevent this, and instructions have already been given to the relevant officials." Meanwhile, an official added, "Since the amendment in 2016, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act has been strengthened. Now, if someone engages in a child marriage, they will not be eligible for bail. Under the POCSO Act, there is a provision for a minimum of two years' imprisonment."

Warning issued on unsustainable harvest, trade of sandalwood

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) has warned against unsustainable harvest and trade of sandalwood species, including Dalbergia, which is found in Karnataka.

A guideline issued by the convention on Thursday underlines that if the trade of sandalwood species such as Dalbergia, Afzelia, Khaya, and Pterocarpus is not regulated, they might soon face the threat of extinction.

Using data compiled by experts from TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring network, CITES has released a report on the species traded as Rosewood. It also includes factsheets and case studies for effective data collection and management plans.

The report has also identified the country of origin and species vulnerability according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and conservation priority. It further outlines rosewood species' characteristics, their ecological roles, regeneration rates, and global trade levels, both legal and illegal.

The report supports the capacity of CITES Parties to implement the Convention effectively and ensure that the harvest and trade in CITES-listed species occur sustainably, legally, and in a traceable manner,

This information is essential for CITES scientific authorities to make non-detriment findings and determine the volume of timber of a CITES-listed Rosewood species in a given area that can be exported, without threatening the long-term survival of the species in the wild.

To make it easier for CITES parties to find species information for making informed non-detriment findings, the report has compiled information on the species 'characteristics, their role in the ecosystem, various species' regeneration rates, threats they are facing, their conservation status and global illegal and legal trade levels.

According to CITES, the information could be considered by scientific authorities in states of the most traded CITES-listed rosewood tree species to inform their decisions on export quotas.

"Evidence-based non detrimental findings are fundamental elements of CITES to allow the trade in species, yet, at the same time, protect them from future extinction," said Paola Mosig Reidl, TRAFFIC Co-Lead of Data, Research, and Enforcement Support. **BMB**

Reckless auto on collision spree

A auto-rickshaw driver who was allegedly driving recklessly caused chaos near Christ University, Dairy Circle. The incident, caught on a dashcam, shows the auto cutting off a car, hitting a divider, and colliding with multiple pedestrians and an electric scooter. A tweet by the X handle Third Eye described the event as a "shocking hit & run".

The auto-rickshaw also had only a defective number plate. Despite the severity of the crash, fortunately, no one sustained serious injuries.

In response, Mico Layout Traffic Police have taken immediate action. "We have taken the suo moto case against the auto driver," confirmed a police representative.

Some netizens defended the auto driver saying, "No doubt, the auto was being recklessly driven. But see, that divider appears from nowhere.

No indication, no proper lighting." Whereas some netizens said, "There is no hope as long as people blame road design. Even with imperfect roads, driving at a safe speed allows for corrective action. It's clear that speeding caused this accident." **BMB**

MIXED SIGNALS FROM SKY

Rainfall pattern may be tweaked due to late onset of La Niña

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Typically, the reservoirs in the Cauvery catchment area fill up by mid-July with heavy rainfall. This year, however, this scenario seems unlikely due to the current monsoon patterns. Experts had anticipated that an early onset of La Niña could bolster the monsoon, but recent forecasts from various models indicate that La Niña might not establish itself before September. This delay could mean that the monsoon will be entering its final phase by then, raising questions about its effectiveness for this year's rainfall.

A recent report by Skymet, a private weather forecaster, stated that the central and equatorial Pacific Ocean temperatures are cooling, resulting in neutral conditions for the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO), a cycle of interactions between ocean and atmosphere affecting global climate.

Despite this cooling, the lingering effects of the departing El Niño continue to impact global temperatures. Ocean cooling rates slowed in June, and models differ on when La Niña might develop. Approximately half of the models predict neutral sea surface temperatures continuing into August, while the other half suggest La Niña could emerge (below -0.5°C) by September.

Although La Niña is being monitored, its development lacks a fixed timeline. The Australian Bureau's ENSO outlook suggests continued cooling in the central tropical Pacific for the next two months.

There have been erratic temperature fluctuations across the equatorial Pacific Ocean, notably in the Niño 3.4 and Niño 1+2 regions, marking one of the lengthiest transitions from El Niño to neutral, possibly La Niña. Concurrently, Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) events often coincide with ENSO in the tropical Pacific. Positive IOD events usually coincide with El Niño, while negative IOD events align with La Niña. Climate models forecast neutral IOD conditions through autumn, with low predictability beyond that, and minimal activity during the monsoon.

However, there is hope as monsoon activity has picked up in the state this week. Dr. N. Puviarasan, a scientist at the India Meteorological Department, explained, "Due to the persistent offshore trough at mean sea level along the south Gujarat-north Kerala coasts and strong wind convergence along Coastal Karnataka and adjacent Western Ghats districts, heavy rainfall is expected in various parts of the state until July 16. Red alerts have been issued for Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada districts from July 14 to 16, orange alerts for Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, and Shivamogga districts, and yellow alerts for Belagavi district." While Bengaluru may experience rainfall, sustained wind speeds could reach 30 to 40 km/h, with maximum and minimum temperatures expected around 29°C and 21°C, respectively.

Will BBMP ever answer the call for a public toilet?

Residents are frustrated by delays in addressing urgent need for basic facilities near Shettihalli bus stop, despite complaints and promises of action over time

BBMP's failure to build a public toilet near the Shettihalli BMTC Bus Stop leads to yellow spots

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has consistently led awareness programs on keeping the city clean and eliminating open defecation. It is alarming to know about the BBMP's failure to construct a public toilet to prevent the creation of yellow spots near the BMTC Bus Stop at Shettihalli in Dasarahalli Zone.

The demand for a public toilet has been pending with the BBMP since August 11, 2015. Ajay Merchant, a resident of Shanthi Layout, Jalahalli West, wrote a letter to the authorities, including the Swachh Bharat Mission Division of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, highlighting the urgent need for a public toilet under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Despite forwarding the complaint to the State Mission Director (SBM-U) of Karnataka Municipal Administration for necessary action, no steps have been taken.

> **Many people wait at the bus stop to board buses, including vendors who require access to a public toilet. BBMP authorities should construct one immediately**
>
> –Srikanth Tunga, resident

Later, on December 20, 2018, the assistant executive engineer of BBMP's Shettihalli Subdivision wrote a letter to Ajay Merchant. The letter stated that a proposal had already been submitted for the construction of a public toilet opposite the BBMP Shettihalli Sub-Division Office, adjacent to the bus shelter. It promised immediate action upon receiving approval. However, five years later, the proposal remains on paper, and the vacant space near the bus stop continues to be used as an open urinal, highlighting ongoing delays and community concerns.

Residents are urging BBMP authorities to address this issue and eliminate the yellow spots near the bus stop. "Many people wait at the bus stop to board buses, including street vendors who require access to a public toilet. I urge the BBMP authorities to construct a public toilet as early as possible," said Srikanth Tunga, a resident.

Expressing a similar opinion, Amrutha Gangadhar, a resident of Shettihalli, has said the authorities have to construct the public toilet to keep the place clean. "I have come across some people creating a nuisance at the vacant space near the bus stop. There is a BBMP Office and many people visit it during the weekdays. It is our responsibility to keep our surroundings clean," said Amrutha Gangadhar.

Demanding the BBMP authorities to construct the much-needed public toilet, Ajay Merchant, a resident of Shanthi Layout has said that he is at a loss over the inordinate delay to construct the public toilet. "I have been pursuing the matter for more than five years but the authorities failed to fix the problem," he said.

Meanwhile, the BBMP Executive Engineer responsible for Solid Waste Management was unavailable for comment.

Cocaine worth Rs 30 crore found in luggage of Kenya national

Significant arrest was made following the seizure of a large quantity of illegal substances, with further investigations ongoing

A Kenyan national was arrested at the international airport in Bengaluru after being allegedly found in possession of cocaine valued at Rs 30 crore, officials reported on Saturday. The arrest was made following specific intelligence received by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) of the Bengaluru zonal unit.

According to officials, the Kenyan national, who travelled from Doha to Bengaluru on Friday aboard an Indigo flight, was intercepted at Bengaluru airport by officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) after extensive surveillance. Upon a detailed examination of the passenger's baggage, the officers discovered packets containing an off-white-coloured powdered substance. The substance, weighing three kilograms and valued at Rs 30 crore, was found concealed in the false bottom of the check-in luggage, a senior official reported.

"The powdered substance tested positive for Cocaine as per the field testing kit. The passenger was arrested under the provisions of the NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act, 1985. Further investigation is under progress," an official said.

In another incident, DRI officers intercepted two Indian female passengers at Bengaluru International Airport on July 5. The passengers, who were arriving from Bangkok, were suspected of carrying contraband items. Upon conducting a systematic search of their bags, officials discovered silver-coloured packets. Inside these packets, a greenish, lumpy substance was found, which was identified as hydronic weed, a senior official stated.

"The packets weighing 3.2 kg, valued at Rs 3 crore have been seized and the passengers were arrested and remanded to judicial custody, under the provisions of the NDPS Act," the official added. **-PTI**

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Banner blockage
Rajarajeshwari Nagar

Banners at major junctions in Rajarajeshwari Nagar are obstructing footpaths and blocking drivers' views.

Price hikes
Cubbon Park

At Cubbon Park, two-wheeler parking fees have increased to at least ₹30, and car parking fees have surged to ₹80.

Costly commute
Kanakadasa Road

The road from Maragondanahalli to Kanakadasa Circle in TC Palya is in poor condition, leading auto drivers to charge 60 to ₹70 for travel due to the inconvenience.

K'taka spends Rs 47 cr on wildlife conflict

Surge in ex-gratia payments despite mitigation efforts; experts call for long-term solutions

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Karnataka has spent more than Rs 47 crore on the victims of human and wild animal conflicts in the last one year. Over the last decade, the ex-gratia amount paid for injury, property loss, human death, crop damage, cattle kill and permanent disability cases has grown by over 375 per cent.

As per data from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), in 2013-14, while the department paid less than Rs 10 crore as ex-gratia, Rs 47.12 crore was paid in 2023-24.

Kodagu Circle registered the highest number of conflict cases (10,966), followed by Bangalore (8,686) and Mysore (6,379).

Experts say it is a double whammy as neither the conflict cases nor ex-gratia amount has come down over the years. KFD has recorded a little over 20K conflict cases in 2013-14. This year (2023-24), this number has surged to 46K.

"The high number of conflict cases from Kodagu and Bangalore circles as well as from across the state shows that while various measures such as solar fencing, elephant-proof trenches, rail barricades, etc have been implemented over the past many years to bring down conflict cases, they have not yielded results. The department is spending exponentially on measures that have been infutile," said a wildlife activist.

To mitigate Human-wild animal conflict, the department spent Rs 16.85 crore this year on measures such as the installation of solar fences, tentacle fences, elephant-proof trenches, and other physical barriers for 2451.68 Km.

According to some wildlife conservationists that BM spoke with, long-term measures are the only solution to bring down conflict cases, thus reducing ex-gratia payments. They say such huge sums being paid as ex-gratia will not create a conducive environment for conservation.

"Many steps being taken up by the government or the department to reduce human-wildlife conflict cases are being taken without a sound understanding of ecological aspects. The department must focus on aspects such as buying private lands and securing all important and historical wildlife corridors. However, unless the existing corridors are not safeguarded with statutory provisions, they cannot be saved. All other steps taken are a waste of public money," said a wildlife conservationist.

Recently, the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC), in association with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), identified nine elephant corridors in Karnataka. The Ministry had recommended that the state forest department notify seven of the nine corridors so that they are legally protected to prevent encroachment and development activities, which can be detrimental to animal movement. For the remaining two corridors, the Ministry has suggested eviction of encroached areas and habitat improvements, including removing invasive alien species, creating waterholes, and establishing fodder plots.

Some also point to many resorts, homestays, and hotels mushrooming and operating close to the core and critical tiger habitat of the reserve, without any action by the department. In some cases, resorts and homestays are situated at a distance of not more than 100 meters from the core area.

"A large swath of land has been cleared for cultivation next to Kallahalla Wildlife range in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve. Similarly, many homestays have come up in Kundakere range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve. If such developments are allowed, number of conflict cases will only surge," said the conservationist.

Experts also underline priority given to plantation activities instead of wildlife habitat restoration and conservation.

Police remove over 100 billboards

The East Division Traffic Police conducted a special drive to clear shop billboards obstructing pedestrian movement in key areas, including Domlur Road, Halasur Main Road, Indiranagar 100 Feet Road, and others. This initiative targeted major thoroughfares like Ramamurthynagar, Panattur, Channasandra, Kadugodi, and ITPL main roads.

The drive resulted in the removal of over 100 billboards and various shop fronts that encroached on footpaths, facilitating smoother pedestrian movement. Despite repeated warnings, some shop owners continued to place goods on footpaths. Consequently, 26 cases under the KP Act have been registered, with further legal action under Section 126 BNSS planned for repeat offenders.

Pulakeshinagar Police crack down on wheelies

Pulakeshinagar Traffic Police Station conducted a special drive to identify and apprehend individuals performing wheelies on Promenade Road. During the patrol, officers from the station detected and intercepted two-wheeler riders engaging in this dangerous activity. The vehicles were seized, and the riders were questioned. For adult offenders, the police initiated a First Information Report (FIR) against them.

East Traffic Division cracks down on LEDs

The East Traffic Division conducted a special drive targeting motorists who installed illegal LED lights within the division's jurisdiction. During the drive, 26 cases were registered against motorists for the unauthorised installation of the lights. They inspected around 100 vehicles and registered over 25 cases, resulting in the collection of fines totalling Rs 13,000. The operation emphasised the enforcement of rules and the creation of awareness regarding the regulations.

'ED arrest must not be politically motivated'

Commenting on the arrest of former minister B Nagendra by the ED, Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara said on Saturday that there was no issue with the ED investigating him, but the central agency's action should not be politically motivated.

The ED had arrested Nagendra on Friday in connection with irregularities in the Tribal Welfare Board. Speaking to reporters at his residence on Saturday in Bengaluru, HM Parameshwara stated, "The ED is investigating him, and they have arrested him based on the information they have gathered. This is a legal procedure."

"We have been saying for a long time that this should not be political. The ED and CBI should not become political weapons for the central government," the Home Minister added.

When asked whether the ED's actions were politically motivated, Home Minister Parameshwara stated, "We don't have any issues with the ED investigating Nagendra. We have also formed an SIT, and our sleuths have summoned former minister Nagendra and Board Chairman Basanagouda Daddal and recorded their statements. Meanwhile, the CBI has started conducting an investigation following the complaint by the bank. The ED has made a sudden entry into the scene."

"The ED might have information; I won't dispute it. Our party leaders are stating that the ED and CBI should not be used to pursue a political agenda," he underlined. —IANS

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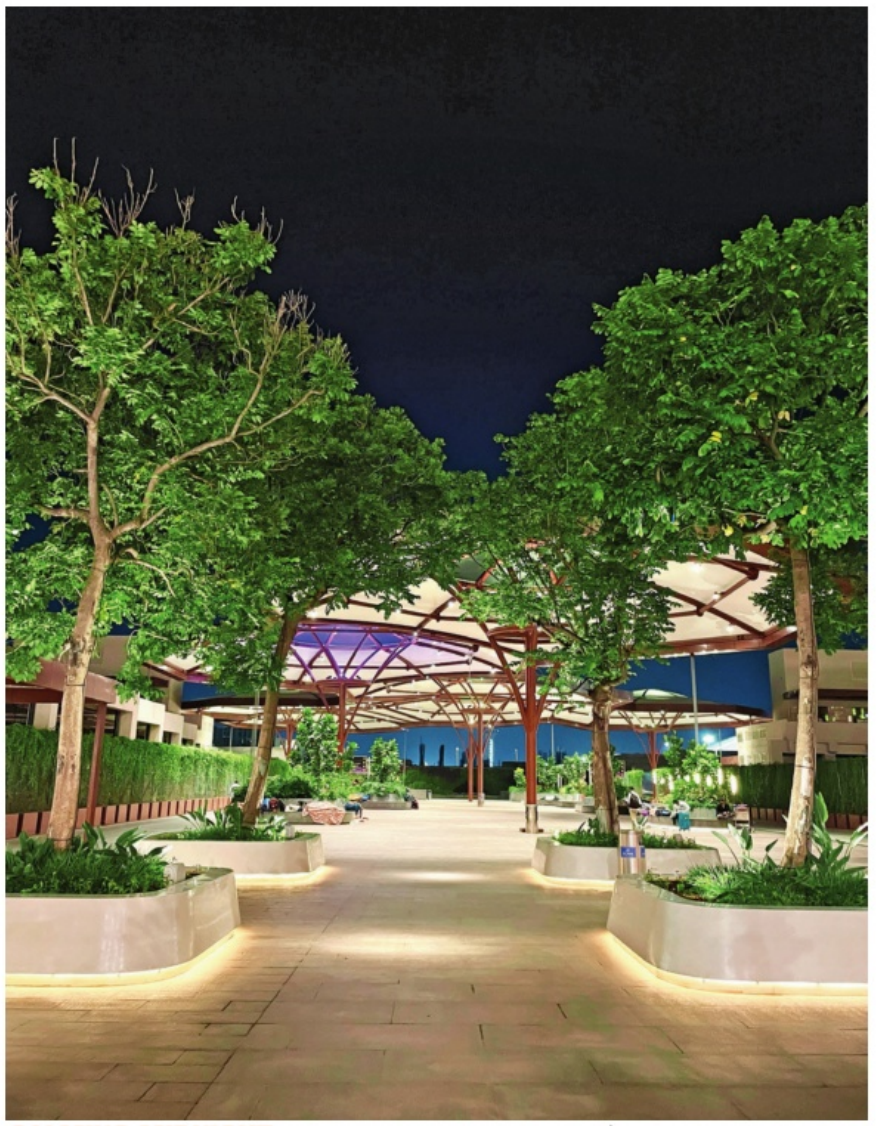

CALMING MIDNIGHT

The picture has captured the essence of a calm, cool night at the Bangalore airport Terminal 2 outside the waiting area.

The picture was clicked by BM reader **Vaibhav Kumar**

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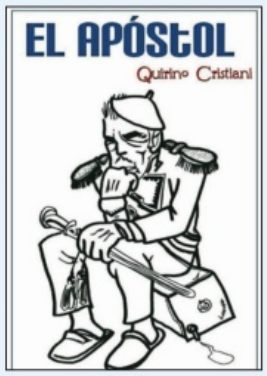
DID YOU KNOW?

Argentina produced the first animated feature film ever, not Walt Disney



Even if you are well-versed in Disney history, you might suppose that Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, a 1937 Walt Disney production, holds the distinction of being the first animated feature film. However, Argentina produced a full-length animated feature film 20 years earlier. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, El Apostol, a political satire, had a running period of 70 minutes and was composed of 58,000 drawings.

El Apóstol is a satire based on Argentina's president at the time, Hipólito Yrigoyen. In the film, Yrigoyen dreams about going to Mount Olympus and discussing politics with the gods before using one of Zeus's lightning bolts to cleanse Buenos Aires of corruption. Well-received at the time in Buenos Aires, it was not distributed in other Argentine provinces or other countries. The film was destroyed in a 1926 fire in Valle's studio.

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Lal Das Gudi street in dire need of repairs: Residents and shop owners paying price

Recent rains added to worse conditions of the road, which has been neglected for over a year

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Lal Das Gudi Street, a main thoroughfare connecting Chikkapet and OTC Road, has become nearly impassable due to its deplorable condition. The road, riddled with potholes and now a muddy mess, has been neglected for over a year. This street is home to the 400-year-old temple, attracting numerous devotees daily. "The road is so bad that people often have to wade through mud and water, making their journey to the temple very challenging," said Ramesh, a temple volunteer.

The area is also a bustling commercial hub with various shops lining the street. The heavy foot and vehicular traffic only exacerbate the problems caused by the road's poor condition. "Our business is suffering because customers find it difficult to access our shops," said S Sivaprasad, BM reader.

Recent heavy rains have worsened the situation, turning the potholes into muddy fields. Two-wheeler riders are particularly affected, as navigating the road has become a perilous task. "I slipped and fell off my bike last week because of the muddy potholes," said Arjun, a local resident. "It's dangerous, especially at night when visibility is low."

The road is damaged by potholes which have now become worse with rains

Despite repeated complaints from traders, residents, and temple visitors, the authorities have yet to take action. "We have approached the corporation several times, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears," said Lakshmi, a resident of the area. "The corporation needs to step up and address this issue immediately," said Srinivas, a local trader. Residents and business owners are calling on the corporation to undertake proper and timely repairs to alleviate their daily suffering. "The road needs to be fixed not just for convenience but for the safety and well-being of everyone who uses it," urged Meera, another local shop owner.

The combined pressures of religious, commercial, and residential traffic make it imperative for the authorities to act swiftly. The local community's patience is wearing thin, and they are united in their call for immediate and effective action to restore the road.

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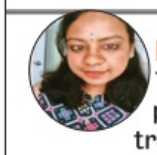
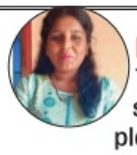
What aspects of Bengaluru's climate contribute to your belief that it's the best city to live in

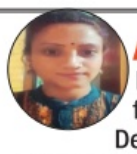


Kavya, BM Reader
The city's elevation results in pleasant weather, avoiding extremes of heat or cold. The frequent cool breeze, especially in the evenings, adds to the overall enjoyable climate. The abundance of greenery and numerous parks enhance the city's aesthetics.

Kantharaju, BM Reader
The breezeness in Bangalore City made me believe that it's the best city. Especially in summers, it has lesser temperature when compared to other South Indian major cities.



Keerthana, BM Reader
The weather during the winter season is dry and cool making it a pleasant time to visit the city. And Bengaluru is the coolest city across India. Bengaluru's climate has undergone significant changes over the years.



Anitha, BM Reader
Bangalore's weather is known for its balance and pleasantness. Despite climate change, the city maintains a comfortable temperature. Particularly from mid-August to January, the climate is quite enjoyable. Mornings start with a warm breeze, transitioning into a cool and refreshing evening.

Mahadesh, BM Reader
The city's greenery and parks provide a refreshing environment for its residents. The city's climate also makes it an ideal place for outdoor activities such as trekking and hiking.

Manasa, BM Reader
The best months to visit Bangalore are December and January, as they are the least hot during the dry season. In addition to its climate, Bangalore is also known for its rich culture, diverse cuisine, and vibrant nightlife.

SPEAK TO US

How would you describe the sense of community in your part of Bengaluru?

If you want to be featured in this section, mail us your answer to this question, in 25 words, with 'Tap The Chatter' in the subject line. Mail us with your name, occupation & a picture at WhatsApp us on 9591233247 or mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com

THE SUNDAY READ

Navigating the digital maze

In an age of unparalleled connectivity, traditional crimes are evolving into sophisticated cyber threats. Learn essential strategies to protect yourself from modern-day digital deceits and scams

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In our highly connected age, traditional crimes like chain snatching and pickpocketing persist, but there's a growing concern over cybercrimes that exploit our interconnectedness. Cybercriminals constantly adapt their tactics and target susceptible individuals, especially those heavily engaged in social media. In response, cybercrime experts conduct awareness programmes, advising citizens to remain vigilant and cautious.

Impersonators: Cyber fraudsters masquerade as legitimate entities, such as bank executives, to deceive victims. For instance, they may request a WhatsApp verification code under the guise of bank verification, gaining access to the victim's account and scamming their contacts for money.

AI calls: Scammers use AI to clone voices with remarkable accuracy. They might impersonate a distressed loved one asking for financial assistance, exploiting emotions to deceive victims into transferring money.

Power play: Impostors pose as government officials, threatening imminent disconnection from essential utilities unless immediate payment of forged bills is made, causing victims to pay fraudulent charges out of fear.

Soldier salute scam: Fraudsters exploit admiration for the military, impersonating Army officers to deceive individuals into giving away their money under false pretenses.

Identity heist: Cybercriminals acquire photo ID cards to procure SIM cards, conducting fraudulent calls. For example, not retrieving identification documents from a bank after a failed attempt to secure a loan can expose individuals to identity theft.

Insurance hoax: Scammers impersonate insurance company employees, offering to help terminate policies for surrender value. They demand payments for facilitating fund release but disappear once the money is transferred.

Deep fakes: Fraudsters create deepfake videos using AI, mimicking celebrities to endorse products or make controversial statements, misleading viewers and causing reputational damage.

Romantic deception: Scammers pose as love seekers, targeting affluent individuals. They establish trust, then fabricate emergencies, asking for funds to cover supposed charges. Once money is sent, they vanish.

Social revenge: Cybercriminals create fake social media profiles, manipulating victims into explicit conversations. They then use this material to extort money or threaten exposure.

Central agencies fraud: Fraudsters impersonate customs officials, alleging that parcels with illegal substances have been discovered. They demand payment to "settle the case," though legitimate customs authorities never request payment via phone or email.

SIM cloning: Scammers reproduce phone data using SIM scanners or deceptive links, gathering vital information to duplicate victims' digital identities.

Pharming: This tactic redirects victims to fake websites to harvest sensitive information, such as login credentials or financial data. It's crucial to verify website authenticity before entering personal information.

OTP fraud: Criminals bypass OTP security by posing as bank representatives, claiming security issues and asking for OTPs. Once obtained, they access accounts and conduct fraudulent transactions.

Commission fraud: Fraudsters promise online users earnings through movie-ticketing ventures, convincing them to buy and rate tickets for commissions. Victims are pressured into buying more tickets, leading to financial losses.

Trafficking for fraud: Criminal syndicates lure individuals with deceitful job offers abroad, compelling them to work in call centres involved in illegal operations like credit card fraud and cryptocurrency schemes.

(Un)lucky draw: Cybercriminals exploit personal data, claiming victims have won prizes in a lucky draw. They demand processing fees or credit card details, extorting money or sensitive information.

Crypto fraud: Criminals create fake cryptocurrencies and trader profiles, offering to sell USDT at low prices. Once victims invest, scammers disappear, leaving them with worthless tokens and financial losses.

Recruitment fraud: Cybercriminals pose as legitimate companies, conducting fake interviews and convincing professionals to pay fees for non-existent jobs. Victims realise the scam only after paying the fee.

CIBIL trouble: Cybercriminals promise to improve victims' CIBIL scores for a fee, but after payment, the credit score remains unchanged, and victims are scammed.

Info bites back: Cybercrooks exploit teenagers' social media posts, contacting their parents with false claims of criminal activities and demanding money, preying on parental concern.

Sextortion: Scammers pose as romantic interests, convincing victims to share intimate photos or videos. They then extort money by threatening to expose the material.

Stock shock: Investors are deceived into investing in falsely presented high-potential stocks, leading to significant financial losses due to market fluctuations or fraudulent practices.

Edu loan fraud: Unscrupulous firms misuse students' personal documents to obtain education loans without consent. Students are burdened with EMIs for loans they never applied for, causing financial distress.

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TIPS TO SAFEGUARD FROM CYBERCRIME

- Use strong, unique passwords for each account and enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA).
- Be cautious of phishing attempts and verify the source before sharing personal information.
- Keep software and applications updated to protect against vulnerabilities.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi for sensitive transactions and use secure connections or VPNs.
- Practice safe browsing habits and avoid clicking on unknown links or downloading attachments.
- Regularly backup important data to secure locations like external drives or cloud storage.
- Review and adjust privacy settings on social media and online accounts.
- Stay informed about common cyber threats and scams to recognise potential risks.
- Be cautious of emails, messages, or calls requesting personal information or urgent actions.
- Educate yourself on cybersecurity best practices and stay vigilant against cybercrime.

HEALTH TIP: Slouching while eating can lead to more gas retention than sitting up straight

Soothe your gut with natural probiotics, such as curd, that catalyse enzyme function and enhance microbial activity

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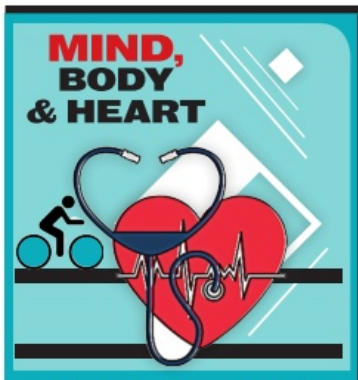

All you need to know about...

JEERA WATER FOR WEIGHT LOSS

Can I drink cumin-induced milk for weight loss?
While jeera water for weight loss is a much sought-after remedy, given its easy nature, one can always go for more rich and more tasteful choices like cumin milk and cumin tea. Here's a recipe to get you started:
Cumin Coriander Milk
Step 1: Take two tablespoons of cumin seeds, one teaspoon coriander seeds, and half a teaspoon of black pepper, and roast them together.
Step 2: Add two pieces of peeled cardamom to this mixture.
Step 3: Once cooled, grind this mixture into a powdered form.
Step 4: Add half a teaspoon of this powder to one cup of milk, and bring it to a boil.
Step 5: Pour the milk into a cup using a strainer and sip on this drink slowly.
Step 6: Store leftover powder in an airtight container for later use.

Can I use cumin topically to ease digestion?
Mix a few drops of cumin essential oil in coconut oil and massage it on your stomach for relief. This can help ease occasional digestive problems. However, try to incorporate cumin into your regular diet to enhance digestion and keep extra weight at bay. Besides, drinking jeera water, one can easily include jeera in food. Jeera rice, jeera daal, and sautéed veggies with jeera are some of the preferred choices.

When is the best time to drink jeera water for weight loss?
While jeera consumed at any time of the day will help in shedding weight, for best results one should drink jeera water first thing in the morning. This promotes healthy digestion, keeps bloating at bay, and aids in weight loss. —Femina

Sweet treat

Make space for these delightful chocolatey tidbits

HAZELNUT CHOCOLATE BAVAROIS

INGREDIENT
Hazelnut Paste
- Hazelnut – 125 gm
- Caster Sugar– 75 gm
- Water– 8 ml
- Salt– 1 gm

Chocolate Mirror Glaze
- Gelatin Sheet– 10 gm
- Water– 60 ml
- Glucose– 150 gm
- Sugar– 150 gm
- Sweetened Milk– 100 gm
- Dark Chocolate– 150 gm

Hazelnut Bavarois
- Caster Sugar– 100 gm
- Egg Yolk– 50 gm
- Fresh Cream– 150 gm
- Hazelnut Paste– 75 gm
- Gelatin– 15 gm
- Semi Whipped Cream– 350 gm

METHOD
Hazelnut Paste
- Mix hazelnut, caster sugar, salt and water and blitz until it becomes a smooth paste.
- Set in small half sphere molds

Mirror Glaze
- Melt the dark chocolate
- Soak gelatin sheet in cool water
- Mix the remaining ingredients and simmer for 10 minutes.
- Coll the mixture down to 40 degree Celsius.
- Add melted chocolate and gelatin. Mix well.

Hazelnut Bavarois
- Mix the fresh cream and egg yolk in a hot water bath.
- Cook until it reaches 85 degree Celsius
- Add the remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Aligning the Cake
- In a sphere mold, pour half of the bavarois and place the hazelnut paste inside.
- Pour in the rest of the bavarois into the mold.
- Sprinkle some crushed hazelnut on top.
- Place in the chiller to freeze
- Demold and pour the mirror glaze on top. Let it chill
- Serve chilled

CHOCOLATE POUND CAKE

INGREDIENT
Pound Cake
- Butter– 100 gm
- Caster Sugar– 100 gm
- Egg– 2 Nos.
- Refined Flour– 80 gm
- Baking Soda– 2gm
- Cocoa powder– 20 gm
- Vanilla Essence– 5gm

Chocolate Glaze
- Dark Chocolate– 100gm
- Cocoa Butter– 20 ml

METHOD
Chocolate Cake
- In a mixing bowl add butter and sugar. Mix well
- Add one egg and mix for 5 minutes.
- Add another egg. Mix well
- Add the remaining ingredients and mix into a smooth batter
- Pour the batter into a mold.
- Bake at 180 degree Celsius for 25-30 minutes. Let it cool

Chocolate Glaze
- Melt the dark chocolate and cocoa butter
- Once it has cooled down, coat the cake with the glaze.
- Chill for some time.
- Garnish with chocolate shavings and serve at room temperature.

RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE ENTREMET

INGREDIENT
Pate De Fruit Citron (Fruit Jelly)
- Water– 80 gm
- Glucose– 24 gm
- Granulated– Sugar 130 gm
- Agar Agar– 10 gm
- Raspberry Puree– 200 gm

Chocolate Mousse
- Egg Yolk– 5nos
- Milk– 100 ml
- Vanilla Essence– 2 gm
- Chocolate– 100 gm
- Gelatin– 15 gm

Chocolate Mirror Glaze
- Gelatin Sheet– 10 gm
- Water– 60 ml
- Glucose– 150 gm
- Sugar– 150 gm
- Water 75 ml
- Sweetened Milk– 100 gm
- Dark Chocolate– 150 gm

Sponge Cake
- Egg– 5gm
- Sugar– 100 gm
- Maida– 150 gm
- Baking Powder– 5 gm
- Oil– 10 gm

METHOD
Pate De Fruit Citron (Fruit Jelly)
- Mix all the ingredients and bring to a boil
- Let it cool and set for 4 hour in an 8-inch ring mold in the chiller.

Chocolate Mousse
- Mix the milk and egg yolk in a hot water bath.
- Cook until it reaches 85-degree Celsius.
- Add the remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Mirror Glaze
- Melt the dark chocolate
- Soak gelatin in cool water
- Mix the remaining ingredients and simmer for 10 minutes
- Cool the mixture down to 40 degree Celsius
- Add melted chocolate and gelatin. Mix well

Sponge Cake
- In a mixing bowl, add all the ingredients and mix well
- Pour the batter into a 12-inch ring mold
- Bake at 180-degree Celsius for 16 minutes. Let it cool

Cake Alignment
- Pour half of the chocolate mousse into the same mold and let it set for 15 minutes
- Place the chilled fruit jelly on the top of the mousse
- Pour the rest of the chocolate mousse over the layer of jelly
- Place in chiller for the cake to freeze
- Demold the cake, pour the mirror glaze over it, and let it chill.
- Serve Chilled

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Inflation at 5.98% in state

Inflation is highest in Odisha at 7.22% followed by Bihar and Karnataka: SBI research

India's inflation landscape exhibited spatial variability in June 2024, with 12 out of 22 states reporting inflation rates exceeding the national average of 5.1 per cent, according to SBI research.

Odisha recorded the highest inflation at 7.22 per cent, followed closely by Bihar at 6.37 per cent and Karnataka at 5.98 per cent. This divergence highlights regional economic disparities as the country grapples with rising prices.

Concurrently, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) surged to a seven-month high of 5.9 per cent in May, reflecting robust growth in mining (5.9 per cent), manufacturing (4.6 per cent), and a remarkable increase in electricity production (13.7 per cent).

These contrasting trends underscore the complex interplay between inflation and industrial performance across India.

The urban-rural inflation divide continued, with rural inflation increasing to 5.66 per cent and urban inflation rising to 4.39 per cent in June.

This persistent gap is driven by higher food prices and a greater weight of food items in the rural consumption basket (54.2 per cent) compared to urban areas (36.3 per cent).

The primary contributors to the inflation surge in June were food items, particularly vegetables, which saw a dramatic price increase of 29.32 per cent.

Pulses followed with a 16.07 per cent rise, while cereals contributed an 8.75 per cent inflation rate. These increases are largely attributed to climatic factors affecting vegetable and protein-based item prices.

Despite these spikes, there is no widespread inflationary pressure on protein items overall.

Service prices, specifically in personal care and effects, also contributed to the overall inflation, although most subcomponents registered growth below the average CPI, indicating localized inflationary pressures.

On the supply side, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) rose to a seven-month high of 5.9 per cent in May, up from a revised 5.4 per cent in April.

This growth was driven by a 5.9 per cent increase in mining, a 4.6 per cent rise in manufacturing, and a significant 13.7 per cent boost in electricity production.

For the period of April-May 2024, industrial growth averaged 5.4 per cent, compared to 5.1 per cent in the same period last year.

State-wise analysis revealed that inflation rates varied significantly. Odisha recorded the highest inflation rate at 7.22 per cent, followed by Bihar at 6.37 per cent and Karnataka at 5.98 per cent.

In contrast, eight states had inflation rates below the national average of 5.1 per cent. Notably, 18 states exhibited higher rural inflation compared to urban areas, continuing a trend observed in previous months.

Current market prices for major food crops like maize, arhar, urad, paddy, sesamum, wheat, gram, and masur are higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP), indicating effective price discovery in agricultural markets.

However, for crops like jowar, bajra, ragi, moong, soybean, and cotton, market prices remain below MSP. This disparity suggests a need for government intervention to support farmers if market prices fall significantly below MSP.

Additionally, sectors with high value addition potential, such as livestock and horticulture, should receive increased policy focus. —ANI

Woman goes to cops against husband for circulating daughters' videos

A woman has lodged a complaint against her husband for allegedly circulating private videos of their 18-year-old daughter on social media platforms, police said on Saturday.

Following her father's act, the daughter tried to end her life by allegedly consuming toxic disinfectant. She has been admitted to the government hospital in Udupi city and is stated to be in critical condition, they said.

It is said the teenager attempted to kill herself after her father's action against her relationship

According to the complaint, the girl's father was not happy with his daughter for allegedly being in love with a relative from Thirthahalli. He called her boyfriend home, beat him up, and forcibly downloaded all private videos and photos from his phone and allegedly circulated them on social media.

After that, he allegedly beat up both his daughter and his wife, following which both of them got injured. Unable to bear the shame that the viral videos had brought to her, the girl allegedly attempted to end her life on Friday.

The girl's mother lodged a complaint with CEN Police Station in Udupi, a senior police officer said.

The investigation is on, police said. —IANS

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The Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah, also attended the meeting and held an interactive session with over 200 CEOs from India's leading IT, semiconductor, electronics, AVGC, biotech, and startup organizations. The goal of this meeting was to foster an open dialogue between government officials and tech leaders, focusing on Karnataka's vibrant tech ecosystem and future prospects.

The event will also feature over 85 sessions with 460 speakers, each curated by a committee of experts from the industry, research, and academia. Special programs like the CEO Conclave, Startup Conclave, and Fireside Chats with renowned personalities will also be included.

"Karnataka serves as the headquarters for major tech giants, GCCs, and leading unicorns.

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MUDA issue: HDK goes all guns blazing, seeks action

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, HD Kumaraswamy has made an appeal to the legal fraternity to seek consent for the prosecution of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah from Governor TC Gehlot in connection with the alleged irregularities in Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and the tribal welfare Board.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Saturday, HD Kumaraswamy stated, "I appeal to the honourable advocates of the state to take the matter before the Governor and submit a plea to sanction prosecution against CM Siddaramaiah. Afterwards, approach the court and take the issue to its logical end."

The statement assumes importance as the advocates had sought consent from the Governor for legal action against then Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa in the denotification case.

BS Yediyurappa was asked to resign and was jailed in 2011. HD Kumaraswamy said that Rs 94 crore from the Board had been transferred to fake accounts in March when the Model Code of Conduct was in effect in the country.

"What would the Congress government have done about this scam if the officer had not committed suicide and there was no death note?" he asked.

"Mr. CM Siddaramaiah, will you treat the suicide of the tribal welfare Board officer Chandrasekaran as just a case of suicide? Is it not a murder that took place in the backdrop of the government's thirst for money? If the governance were efficient, would this incident have taken place?" Kumaraswamy questioned.

"Officer Chandrasekaran ended his life due to the illegalities and looting by the government. Even after 40 days of the suicide, the SIT formed to look into the matter did not bother to touch the minister and MLA concerned. The ED had to enter the scene to make arrests in the case," Kumaraswamy pointed out.

Commenting on the MUDA case, Kumaraswamy angrily questioned why the government should provide Rs 62 crore in compensation as CM Siddaramaiah is demanding.

"Is this his father's property? Did CM Siddaramaiah inherit it? Whose land was it? Does it really belong to CM Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law?" Kumaraswamy questioned.

"Before CM Siddaramaiah could claim ownership of the land, that property was already purchased by the MUDA. The MUDA land scam is one subject. The question is about the misuse of power and the involvement of the CM's family in the scam," Kumaraswamy alleged. **IANS**

Coming through, speed devils

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As of now, traffic police have booked 46,07,877 cases of various traffic offences constituting 51.20 per cent of last year's cases. Last year, traffic police recorded 89,99,379 traffic violations in the whole year.

More enforcement

Traffic police are appropriating the rise to increased enforcement and reduced enforcement in the last year. "We have been ramping up checking and enforcement. We have been conducting special drives every week. Within the south division, we have identified a few areas that are becoming accident-prone due to speeding. Areas connected to NICE Road such as Kanakapura Road, Bannerghatta Road, and Sarjapura Road have been targeted for the drives. Additionally, there has been less enforcement in the last two years and most of the detection has been through physical checking.

As we do not possess speedometers, we need to catch the culprits on the ground," said a senior traffic official.

Additionally, since 2023, traffic police have been recording seven violations (speed limit, red light, stop lane, no helmet, triple riding, driving using phones, and driving without seat belts) through AI-enabled cameras.

Mobility experts say that traffic police should also tackle the issue of modified silencers along with speeding.

"Speeding is happening in select roads of the city. Many of the vehicles' speeding can be identified with a peculiar non-standard sound. Police officials should catch offenders modifying vehicles and driving non-standard vehicles on the road. Additionally, to address speeding and facilitate smoother passage for pedestrians, high-rise pedestrian crossings should be installed at selected places.

For instance, on Millers Road near Jain Hospital, vehicles approach at a high speed from Chandrika Circle. We have been requesting for HRPCs in the area for years," said Rajkumar Dugar, Convenor of Citizens for Citizens.

Ideal student-teacher ratio of 30:1 goes for a toss

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intervention to address the teacher shortage and to reconsider the transfer policy to prevent further educational disruptions.

The ongoing teacher shortage and subsequent transfer policy have drawn sharp criticism from education experts. Dr. SR Harish Acharya, a former syndicate member, said, "The decision to transfer teachers is impractical and we urge an immediate overhaul of the policy.

The education department must find alternative solutions to address low enrollment rather than worsening the teacher shortage. The current situation is jeopardising the future of thousands of students and demands swift action to rectify the crisis."

Despite government assurances of strengthening public education, data reveals a significant challenge. There are currently 2,341 government schools in Karnataka operating with just one teacher.

This issue is particularly pronounced in the districts of Hassan, Ramanagara, Tumakur, Chikkaballapur, and Kolar, which collectively house 37,630 lower primary schools in rural areas and 5,498 in urban areas.

Who said it first?
Singer-actress Selena Gomez and Benny Blanco revealed who said "I love you" first in a cute video in a couple's edition challenge on TikTok. In the clip, Selena pointed to herself as Blanco as an answer to the question

A film that changed her life

Shreya explains how it was working in Boman Irani's directorial debut

Known for her role in the musical web series Bandish Bandits, Shreya Chaudhry will soon be seen in the movie The Mehta Boys. The film marks the directorial debut of Boman Irani and co-stars Avinash Tiwary. Excited to be a part of the project, Shreya says, "It was one of the best experiences to work with Boman sir because this film is special to him too as it is his debut directorial.

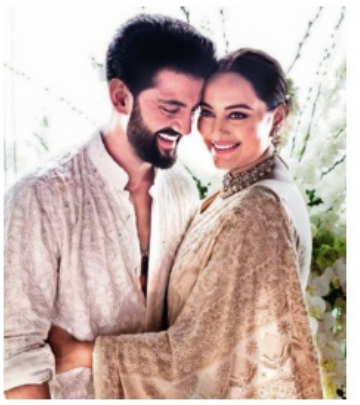
I also got the opportunity to work with Avinash as I am a huge fan of his work. I got to learn so much spending a lot of time with the two of them on set. Interestingly, Alexander Dinelaris who's the writer of Birdman has cowritten this film with Boman sir. It was a lot of fun to do workshops and shoot for the project. This film really changed my life."

> "2024 looks bright. I am just waiting for releases back-to-back and hoping to get back to shooting for more work

This year looks very exciting for Shreya who's also awaiting the release of Bandish Bandits 2, co-starring Ritwik Bhowmik. She says, "2024, hopefully, looks bright. I am just waiting for releases back-to-back and hoping to get back to shooting for more work. Bandish Bandits is one show which a lot of people are eagerly waiting for. When I was in the US recently, I was happy to meet so many people who have seen the show. They also loved the music. The new season also has great music and I am excitedly waiting for its release." The actress who went on a holiday to Seattle recently, also tells us, "It's like a second home to me as I have family here. I wanted to explore mountains during this trip and so I visited the national park where I got to witness stunning snow-capped mountains. Summer vacation this year was quite interesting as I got to spend time in the mountains here and before this I was in Mexico where I explored beaches. Enjoying both worlds was a very calming experience and proved to be a relaxing holiday."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Just the few of us



Sonakshi Sinha has already experienced the highlight of her life in 2024. In May, she achieved the pinnacle of her career with Sanjay Leela Bhansali's blockbuster "Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar," receiving widespread critical acclaim.

Just last month, she married her longtime love, Zaheer Iqbal, after seven years of courtship. The couple had a private registered marriage at their Mumbai residence, followed by a lavish celebration with close friends and industry colleagues at Bastian.

The wedding bash, held on June 23, saw a star-studded guest list.

In an exclusive interview with News18 Showsha, Sonakshi shared for the first time about her special day and how it turned out exactly as she and Zaheer had envisioned.

She mentioned, "Having an intimate wedding was always the plan. That has always been the kind of wedding that we both wanted. Zaheer and I were very clear that our wedding has to reflect the both of us as people, the bond we share, and the love we have for each other."

Sonakshi and Zaheer shared a video from the day they signed the marriage certificate, featuring Saqib, Aditi, Siddharth, and Huma with the Sinhas and the Ratansis. Sonakshi expressed her happiness at having her friends by her side on her special day.

— ETimes

Well tried

Jctress Mrunal Thakur shared a fun dance video on Saturday, grooving to Vicky Kaushal's latest viral track 'Tauba Tauba'.

Praising the actor, she said: "How good you are." The actress, who is known for her work in the Telugu movie 'Sita Ramam', posted the video on Instagram, where she has 12.6 million followers.

The video, filmed in her vanity van, is in monochrome and shows Mrunal wearing a tank top and joggers.

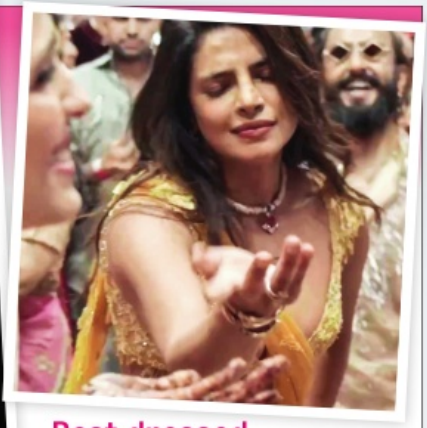
In the snippet, she attempts to mimic Vicky's hook steps from the song 'Tauba Tauba' but doesn't quite manage to do them exactly.

The song is from Vicky's upcoming movie 'Bad Newz'. The track is penned and sung by Karan Aujla. Mrunal captioned the post: "Vicky Kaushal nahi aaraha hain yaar... how good you are... Kusha Kapila been sikha de plz."

In the caption, Mrunal referred to social media personality and actress Kusha, who had recently posted a reel on her Instagram, where she flawlessly performed Vicky's hook steps from the track 'Tauba Tauba'.

Kusha shared Mrunal's post on her Stories section and wrote: "Nailed it Mrunal Thakur... ekdum yehi hai.""

—IANS



Best dressed

Check out some of the best-dressed celebs to attend Anant Ambani's wedding

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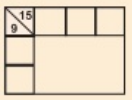
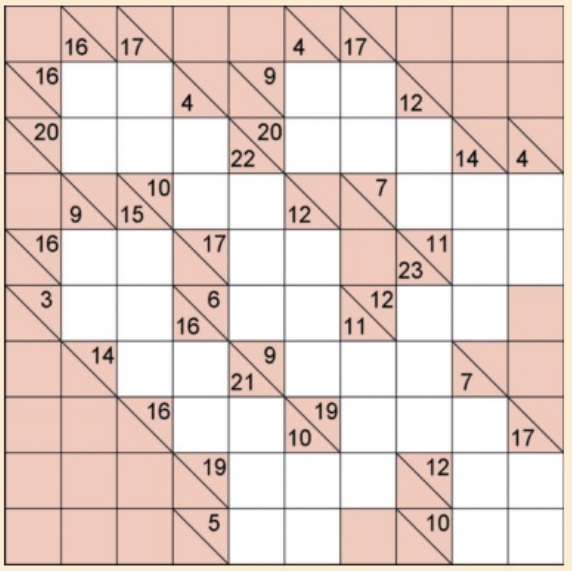
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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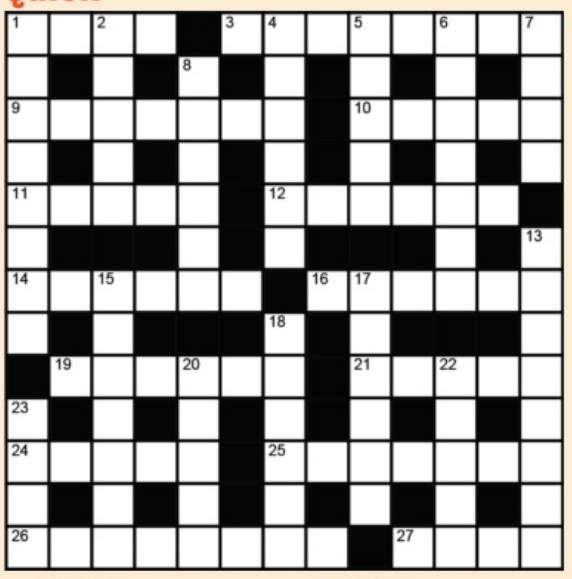


ACROSS

1 Work the land (4)
3 Articles belonging to a broken or incomplete set ? (8)
9 Patent medicine (7)
10 Invigorating drink (5)
11 Hop-drying kilns (5)
12 Dignified or staid (6)
14 Slow and smooth–musically speaking (6)
16 Fumbles, feels for (6)
19 TV screen technology (6)
21 Archer's missile (5)
24 Fox's scent (5)
25 Hunting cry (5-2)
26 Make down-hearted or despondent (8)
27 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)

DOWN

1 Theme park located on the Place Grounds (3,5)
2 Stratagems (5)
4 Decorative woven material (6)
5 Subdued (5)
6 Continuous or ceaseless (7)
7 Religious denomination (4)
8 Fix beforehand (6)
13 Taken in toto, not partially (2,1,5)
15 Old measure of liquid (7)
17 Truly (6)
18 A minister, for us Indians? (6)
20 Turkish inn (5)
22 Man-made fibre (5)
23 Exploited or availed of (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS T

FGQMQ TA VN LNVXLQVF HQHTPEFQH FN FGQ LQLNMK NJ E PNLLTFFQQ.

Linemaro

I am writing an essay on the finer things of life and want to interview you

Mindchow

I believe in god, only I spell it nature

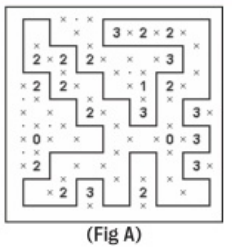
Joke of the day

Q: What happens if you sing country music backwards?
A: You get your job and your wife back.

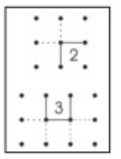
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

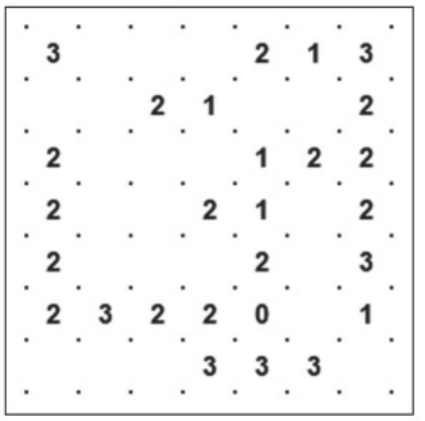


(Fig B) Not Allowed

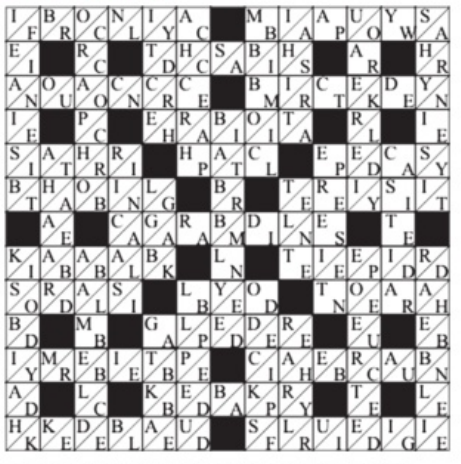
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



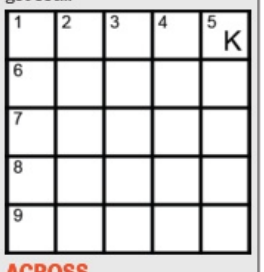
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Talks; 6 On law; 7 Open I; 8 Talon; 9 Gil is

DOWN

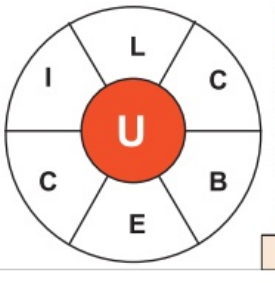
1 S Slot; 2 Too pi; 3 I gnaw; 4 Liana; 5 Nell K

Mensapuzzle

What is the missing number?

1 2 9 64 ? 7776 117649

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		4				1		
9			2		5			8
7			9		3			4
		9	4		2	8		
5				3				6
		3	5		6	7		
8			6		9			3
2			1		7			9
		5				2		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

2 3 4 5

Medium = 6

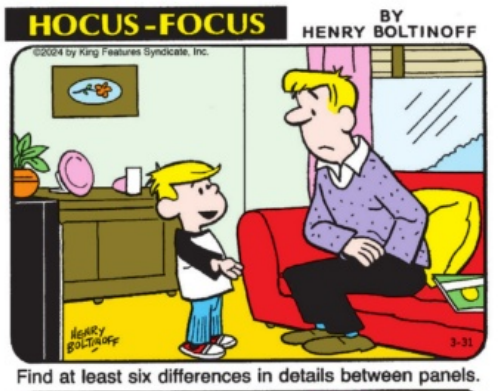
1 2 3 6

Hard = 8

2 5 7 2

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

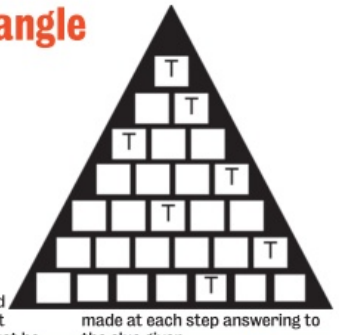
Differences: 1. Boy's arm is longer. 2. Magazine is moved. 3. Blinds are different. 4. Pants are longer. 5. Picture on wall is lower. 6. Back of sofa is lower.

Riddler

Can you rank the following series of words in the proper order? admission, cook, governor, league, message, mustard, pepper, punishment

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 tu Brute ...
3 Decimal base
4 Make a hollow in
5 Fed the kitty
6 Arrival
7 Bragged



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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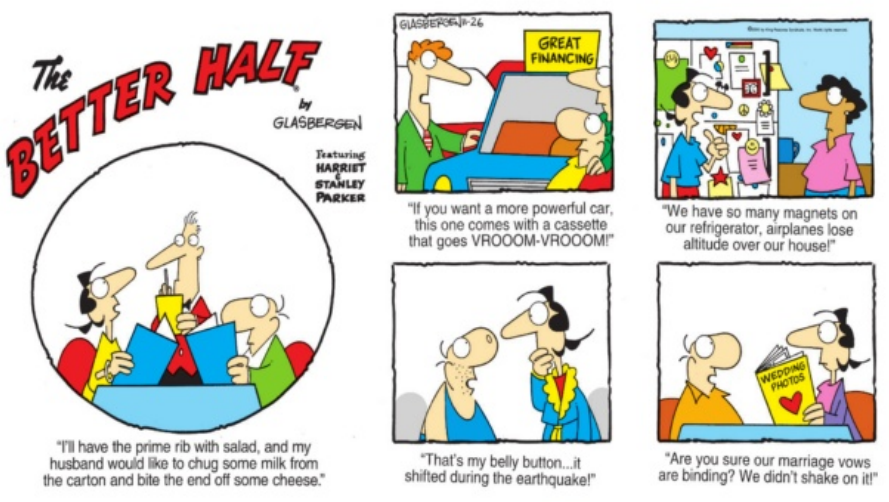
The BETTER HALF
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"I'll have the prime rib with salad, and my husband would like to chug some milk from the carton and bite the end off some cheese."
GLASBERGEN '24
GREAT FINANCING
"If you want a more powerful car, this one comes with a cassette that goes VROOOM-VROOOM!"
"We have so many magnets on our refrigerator, airplanes lose altitude over our house!"
"That's my belly button...it shifted during the earthquake!"
WEDDING PHOTOS
"Are you sure our marriage vows are binding? We didn't shake on it!"

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
WHAT DOES EVERYBODY WANT FOR DINNER?
BURGERS!
NO! PIZZA!
NO! WAFFLES!
GREAT PIZZA-WAFFLE-BURGERS, DAD!
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A VICTORY, OR A FULL SURRENDER.
THEY'RE EATING. CALL IT A WIN.

Artist Spotlight:
JIM KEEFE
A GRADUATE OF THE JOE KUBERT SCHOOL, JIM KEEFE STARTED HIS CAREER AS THE HEAD COLORIST AT KING FEATURES SYNDICATE. FROM 1996-2003 HE WAS THE WRITER AND ARTIST OF FLASH GORDON FOR KING FEATURES.
TEACHING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDE SVA IN MANHATTAN, HOFSTRA'S UCCE YOUTH PROGRAMS, THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND MOST RECENTLY THE MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN.
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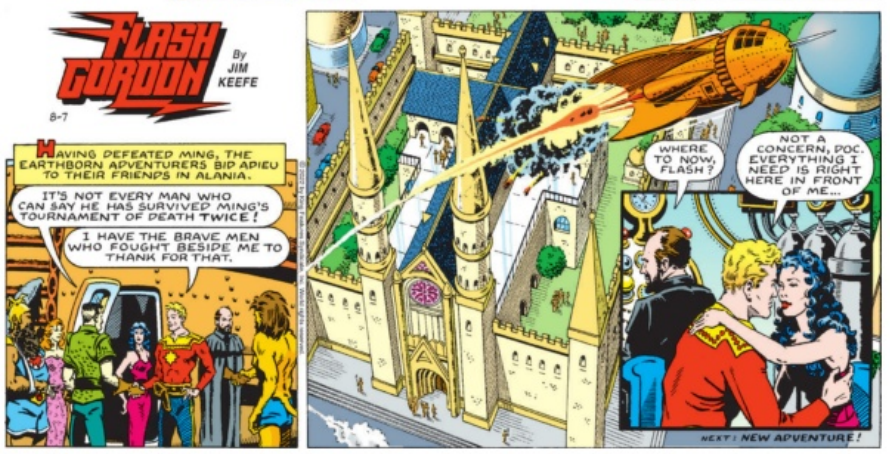
FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE
8-7
HAVING DEFEATED MING, THE EARTHBORN ADVENTURERS BID ADIEU TO THEIR FRIENDS IN ALANIA.
IT'S NOT EVERY MAN WHO CAN SAY HE HAS SURVIVED MING'S TOURNAMENT OF DEATH TWICE!
I HAVE THE BRAVE MEN WHO FOUGHT BESIDE ME TO THANK FOR THAT.
WHERE TO NOW, FLASH?
NOT A CONCERN, DOC. EVERYTHING I NEED IS RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF ME...
NEXT: NEW ADVENTURE!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel dullness and unhappiness. Situations are a bit messy. You are advised to avoid harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get proper reciprocation for your hard work. You need to follow your intuition. It is advised to keep patience while making some important decisions.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today new sources of income may likely be opened. Your past investments may give you a good profit, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to connect with a social organisation, which will increase your network. Singles may find soul mates in terms of marriage.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, blessings from elders may make you confident. You can follow your intuition before taking any initiatives which may help you at work. Your intuition may help you gain more in terms of finance. You may likely visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results with the help of destiny.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by an auspicious moon, it may make you happy. Chronic health-related issues may likely be resolved now. It is a good time to initiate your postponed projects. Your destiny may be with you in terms of gains in business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. You may expect peaceful religious and work-related travel.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, Your moon is not in a good position. You may feel dull and you may have health issues. You may face losses in this period. It is advised not to invest in risky assets. Your gains may likely convert into losses. You should stop investing in worthless objects. You should avoid being involved in controversies, otherwise it may pull you down negatively.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. Love is in the air when it comes to your personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff may likely support you.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may have confidence which may reflect in your way of working. You are in the winning position in terms of opponents and enemies. You may have a good focus towards your goals. Health issues may be good. Try to avoid unnecessary arguments, it may affect your domestic harmony.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may be happy due to a blessing from an auspicious planetary combination. You may have some sort of positive energy which may create prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual stuff. You will also plan for higher studies.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you might feel a bit down, which could affect your work. However, with the blessings of your elders, you'll likely regain your momentum. You may likely pay extra attention to your kid's health. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Stomach issues may make you upset.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be happy at work. You may likely make some important decisions by the end of the day, which will help you soon. You may plan for a short trip. Your subordinates may likely be cooperative. You may expect some good news in terms of your sibling's success. You may likely be in winning positions on legal matters also. Students may be more focused on achieving their targets.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your communication skills could benefit you professionally. You may likely be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Love birds may likely exchange their views with each other, which may make some foundation for their relationship.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. A new partnership in the business may give you benefits. Your energy level may likely be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay you off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from negative people around you.

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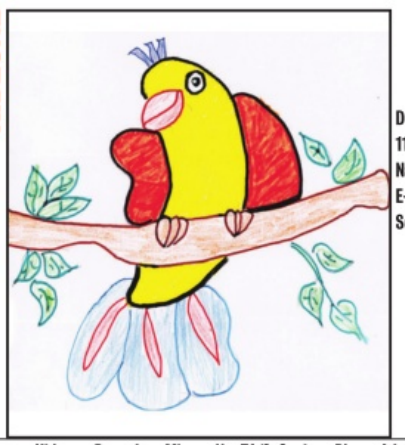

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER message, punishment, pepper, governor, cook, league, mustard, admission The reverse order is also acceptable. Explanation (not for print): Each of the words can be preceded by a military rank to form a phrase. (private) message, (corporal) punishment, (sergeant) pepper, (lieutenant) governor, (captain) cook, (major) league, (colonel) mustard, (general) admission

SOLVE IN 1M
S	I	G	I	L
T	O	N	A	L
O	P	I	N	E
L	O	W	A	N
S	T	A	L	K

FAST FIVE
(4÷(2−(1/3)²100)²=
(4÷(5/3)²100)²=
(4²3/5²100)²=
12/5²100=
1200/5=
240

STRIKE OUT
K	E	E	L	E	D	S	L	U	D	G
A	L	B	E	A	K	Y	E	L		
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QUICK
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MENSA PUZZLE
In the series, each number power increases by 1
1²0; 2²1; 3²2; 4²3; 5²4; 6²5 = 7776

QUOTE UNCODE
There is no monument dedicated to the memory of a committee.

BULL'S EYE
blue, club, clue, cube, cubic, CUBICLE, lieu

SUDOKU
3	5	4	7	6	8	1	9	2
9	6	1	2	4	5	3	7	8
7	2	8	9	1	3	6	5	4
6	1	9	4	7	2	8	3	5
5	7	2	8	3	1	9	4	6
4	8	3	5	9	6	7	2	1
8	4	7	6	2	9	5	1	3
2	3	6	1	5	7	4	8	9
1	9	5	3	8	4	2	6	7

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 − 2 + 5 − 4 = 2
Medium
6 − 2 + 3 − 1 = 6
Hard
2 + 7 − 5 x 2 = 8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
t, Et, Ten, Dent, Anted, Advent, Vaunted.

LOOP

KAKURO

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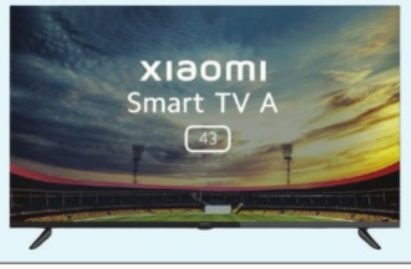

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